

Interagency Relationships Problems

- Different Agency Missions/Authorities are interpreted as inflexible boundaries and or conflicting
- Lack of early engagement
- Lack of compromise from Feds
- Lack of understanding of RSM concepts
- Communication
- Different stakeholders
- Perception
- Lack of stakeholder consensus/vision

Problems Continued

- RSM requires cooperation of all levels of government

Why?

- Don't fight nature, work with it
- Cacophony of users and needs
- Establish common goals
- Avoid litigation
- Increase project success
- Public interest
- Social, economic, and environmental issues
- Dollar savings

Solution

- Marketing-early and complete engagement
- Tools to provide information
- Establish a POC within the region
- Intranet for involved groups
- Two way communication
- Education and outreach
- Join existing groups (eg: Regional Dredging Teams, Regional Associations of IOOS)
- Look at long term effects and savings
- Institutionalize philosophy

Performance Measures

- Survey to ask whether it's working or not and why?
- Monitor adversarial websites and note changes
- Political support=funding and sponsor support
- Sediment load trends
- Reduction of lawsuits
- Increase in beneficial uses